

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 – 10 (cancelled).

11 (currently amended). A redispersible polymer composition comprising a polymer, said polymer containing silanol groups, said silanol groups being protected with at least one protective group, wherein said composition is in the form of a powder, said protective group comprises a hydroxy-containing compound, said hydroxy-containing compound comprises a polyol and wherein said polyol comprises polyvinyl alcohol or a polyhydric alcohol in the form of trimethylolpropane, glycol, diethylene glycol, butane triol, pentane triol, hexane triol, pentaerythriol, or mixtures thereof.

12. (cancelled).

13. (cancelled).

14. (cancelled).

15. (cancelled).

16. (cancelled).

17. (cancelled).

18. (previously presented). An aqueous system comprising water and the redispersible compound of claim 11.

19. (withdrawn). A process for the preparation of a redispersible material comprising reacting a polymer containing at least one silanol group with a compound having a protective function for said silanol group to yield a polymer having silanol groups protected by protective groups.

20. (withdrawn). The process of claim 19 further comprising subsequently recovering a redispersible, pulverulent material from the polymer having silanol groups protected by protective groups.

21. (withdrawn). The process of claim 19 wherein said redispersible, pulverulent material is recovered by spray drying or freeze drying.
22. (withdrawn). A formulation comprising the redispersible compound of claim 11, wherein said formulation comprises a composite mortar; coating mortar; cement dye; cement adhesive; plastic-containing, cement-bound system; plastic-bound, cement-free binder; gypsum mortar; primer; plaster; carpet, wood, powder and floor adhesive; wallpaper paste; disperse dye; or glass fibre composite system.